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Dear Committee Member:

This letter summarizes the August 25, 1982 meeting of the Jackpile-Paguate Technical Committee.

Attending the meeting were the following:

Technical Committee Members

Harry Early	Governor, Pueblo of Laguna
Delfino Begay	Interpreter, Pueblo of Laguna
Philip Gaco	Councilman, Pueblo of Laguna
Bill Grey	Chairman, Anaconda EIS Team, Anaconda Minerals Company
Meade Stirland	Manager, Environmental Health and Safety, Anaconda Minerals Company
Marc Nelson	EIS Task Force Leader, Minerals Management Service
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Technical Consultants

Gregory Smith	Geologist, Minerals Management Service
Jim Hager	Acting Deputy Minerals Manager, Minerals Management Service
Chris Sanchez	Reclamation Engineer, Anaconda Minerals Company
John Blueeyes	Reclamation Specialist, Council of Energy Resource Tribes
Larry Lente	Laguna Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Larry Garcin	Laguna Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs
George Garcia	U. S. Forest Service, Albuquerque
Earl Aldin	U. S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Experimental Station

The following is a list of the issues addressed at the meeting, and a discussion of the conclusions reached:

Use of Tree Seedlings

Personnel from the U. S. Forest Service presented the committee with background information on the potential use of various tree species at the site. The committee agreed to meet the Forest Service personnel at the mine at 10:00 a.m. on September 9, 1982, to discuss this issue further.

Placement of Rock Piles

The committee agreed to jointly inspect the existing rock piles during the September 9, 1982 mine tour discussed above. Following this tour, the Pueblo will develop a definitive position on this issue for presentation at the next committee meeting.



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Disposition of Rail Spur

Anaconda agreed to consider leaving the rail spur intact if they are given a liability release, and if the Pueblo agrees to perform the necessary clean-up of radiological hot spots.

The Pueblo agreed to consider performing the necessary cleanup.

The Minerals Management Service agreed to investigate a mechanism that could be used to release Anaconda from any future liability for the spur if it is left intact. The MMS also agreed to investigate the difference in Anaconda's responsibility for that portion of the rail spur that is contained within their mining lease. The results of these investigations will be provided at the next committee meeting.

Anaconda agreed to research the ownership status of the spur and the areal extent of its right-of-way prior to the next meeting.

Disposition of Mine Buildings and Equipment

All buildings on lease No. 4 will be left intact as required by the lease terms. In addition to these buildings, the Pueblo expressed an interest in having the following items left intact: all trailer houses and storage sheds at the employee housing area; the Jackpile training building; the school house and associated trees, playground, and sewage lagoon; the geology building; and the storage tanks, compressors, hoists, pumps, and all built-in equipment on lease No. 4.

The Pueblo agreed to provide Anaconda with a letter that states explicitly which structures the Pueblo wants left intact.

The MMS agreed to investigate a mechanism that could be used to release Anaconda from future liability for any structures left intact.

Disposition of North and South Paguate Pits

This issue was discussed without resolution. Anaconda agreed to obtain more detailed information on the blasting of highwalls into a tallus slope. Anaconda will attempt to obtain this information prior to the next committee meeting.

Stabilization of the Rio Moquino

The committee discussed the possibility of Anaconda submitting a maintenance fee for stabilization measures on the Rio Moquino. The committee agreed to withhold further discussion of this issue until the EIS Task Force has completed their analysis.

Stabilization of Arroyo Headcuts

The committee agreed that the only major problem area is on the southern portion of the site, near dumps Y, Y₂, and J. Various alternatives for stabilization of this area were discussed. The committee agreed to discuss this issue again.

The contents of this meeting summary were agreed to by the committee. If any committee member disagrees with any portion of this summary, he should contact me immediately.

The next committee meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 1982, in the 8th floor conference room of the Western Bank Building, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marc E. Nelson".

Marc E. Nelson
Committee Chairman